Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 06 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 06 Apr 2021 at 01:41 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very cold conditions on Tuesday with snow showers then more settled for a time on Wednesday. High for unsettled and windy weather but less cold on Thursday then snow showers on Friday.

Headline for Tuesday 06 Apr 2021: Bitterly cold with a few snow showers, brightest in the south. Strong, squally winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 06 Apr 2021

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Light snow	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	60%

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Weather: Clear or sunny intervals and occasional snow showers will give new accumulations of powder snow. Very cold Arctic air and gales will mean a severe wind chill effect with drifting snow on the hills at times. Showers will be lighter and less frequent in the south, over ranges south of Loch Etive and Bridge of Orchy.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Ranging from 50% in north to 80% in south.

Visibility: Occasionally very poor in the snow showers with cloud bases down to 600 or 700m at times and temporary blizzards in the north. Blowing snow will also hamper visibility. Clear between showers with more prolonged good visibility over southern ranges.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	41/49 N	36/47 NW	31/42 N	32/43 N	32/43 NW	30/39 N	28/36 NW
900	23/29 N	25/35 NW	24/34 N	25/36 N	22/32 NW	20/28 NW	20/28 NW
600	28/34 N	23/33 NW	24/34 N	26/36 N	20/29 NW	17/24 N	17/23 N
300	12/16 NW	18/27 NW	18/29 NW	18/29 N	17/26 NW	12/18 N	10/16 NW
Glen	10/23 NW	13/27 NW	15/31 NW	15/29 N	10/22 NW	5/13 NW	5/13 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-11/-24	-11/-23	-10/-21	-10/-21	-10/-21	-10/-21	-10/-20
900	-8/-18	-7/-17	-6/-16	-6/-15	-6/-16	-7/-16	-7/-15
600	-5/-15	-5/-13	-4/-12	-3/-12	-4/-12	-5/-12	-4/-12
300	-3/-9	-2/-9	-1/-8	-0/-7	-1/-8	-2/-8	-2/-7
Glen	-1/-6	0/-5	1/-5	3/-2	1/-3	0/-3	-0/-3
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
The very cold Arctic airstream will continue to bring serious winter conditions for early April in the mountains.

Forecast for Wednesday 07 Apr 2021
Weather: Clear or sunny spells and scattered snow showers at first but these will ease off by the afternoon as winds also ease. Outbreaks of sleet or snow spreading east during the evening, turning to rain below 800m later towards the west coast.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 25-30mph, gusts 40mph at first, easing Westerly 10-15mph in afternoon, increasing to 25-30mph in evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%, becoming 20% in evening.

Visibility: Occasionally very poor at first with patchy cloud down to 600m and a few snow showers. Becoming mainly excellent through the morning. Deteriorating in the evening with extensive cloud above 500m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 3 or 4C rising to 2 or 3C.
At 800m: Minus 6 or 7C rising to Minus 3C.
Freezing level: All levels at first, rising to 400m during the day, then 900m in evening in west.

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